

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6528
OFFERED BY MR. TORRES OF NEW YORK

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the
following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Housing Temperature
3 Safety Act of 2022”.

4 SEC. 2. TEMPERATURE SENSOR PILOT PROGRAM.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
6 temperature sensor 3-year pilot program to provide grants
7 to public housing agencies and owners of covered federally
8 assisted rental dwelling units to install and test the effi-
9 cacy of temperature sensors in residential dwelling units
10 to ensure such units remain in compliance with tempera-
11 ture requirements.

12 (b) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall, not later
13 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 establish eligibility criteria for participation in the pilot
15 program established pursuant to subsection (a) and such
16 criteria shall be designed to ensure—

17 (1) the pilot program includes a diverse range
18 of participants the represent different geographic re-

1 gions, climate regions, unit sizes and types of hous-
2 ing; and

3 (2) the functionality of the temperature sensors
4 that will be tested, including internet connectivity re-
5 quirements.

6 (c) INSTALLATION.—Each public housing agency or
7 owner of a covered federally assisted rental dwelling unit
8 that receives one or more temperature sensors under this
9 Act shall, after receiving permission from the resident of
10 a dwelling unit, install such temperature sensor and mon-
11 itor the data from such temperature sensor.

12 (d) DATA COLLECTION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Data collected from tem-
14 perature sensors provided to public housing agencies
15 and owners of covered federally assisted rental dwell-
16 ing units under this Act shall be retained until the
17 Secretary notifies the public housing agency or
18 owner that the pilot program and the evaluation of
19 the pilot program are complete.

20 (2) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-
21 TION.—Any personally identifiable information col-
22 lected during the pilot program shall be protected by
23 the public housing agency or owner of the federally
24 assisted rental dwelling unit and the Secretary.

25 (e) PILOT PROGRAM EVALUATION.—

1 (1) INTERIM EVALUATION.—Not later than 12
2 months after the establishment of the pilot program
3 under this Act, the Secretary shall publicly publish
4 and submit to the Congress a report that—

5 (A) examines the number of temperature-
6 related complaints and violations in federally
7 assisted rental dwelling units with temperature
8 sensors, disaggregated by temperature sensor
9 technology and climate region—

10 (i) that occurred before the installa-
11 tion of such sensor; and

12 (ii) that occurred after the installation
13 of such sensor; and

14 (B) identifies any barriers to full utility of
15 temperature sensor capabilities, including
16 broadband Internet access and tenant participa-
17 tion.

18 (2) FINAL EVALUATION.—Not later than 12
19 months after the conclusion of the pilot program es-
20 tablished by the Secretary under this Act, the Sec-
21 retary shall publicly publish and submit to the Con-
22 gress a report that—

23 (A) examines the number of temperature-
24 related complaints and violations in federally
25 assisted rental dwelling units with temperature

1 sensors, disaggregated by temperature sensor
2 technology and climate region—

3 (i) that occurred before the installa-
4 tion of such sensor; and

5 (ii) that occurred after the installation
6 of such sensor;

7 (B) identifies any barriers to full utility of
8 temperature sensor capabilities, including
9 broadband Internet access and tenant participa-
10 tion; and

11 (C) compare the utility of various tempera-
12 ture sensor technologies based on—

13 (i) climate region;

14 (ii) cost;

15 (iii) features; and

16 (iv) any other factors identified by the
17 Secretary.

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

19 (1) TEMPERATURE SENSOR.—The term “tem-
20 perature sensor” means an internet capable tem-
21 perature reporting device able to track the ambient
22 air temperature to the tenth degree Fahrenheit and
23 Celsius.

24 (2) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUS-
25 ING.—The term “covered federally assisted rental

1 dwelling unit” means a residential dwelling unit that
2 is made available for rental and for which assistance
3 is provided, or that is part of a housing project for
4 which assistance is provided, under—

5 (A) the program for project-based rental
6 assistance under section 8 of the United States
7 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f);

8 (B) the public housing program under the
9 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
10 1437 et seq.);

11 (C) the program for supportive housing for
12 the elderly under section 202 of the Housing
13 Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); or

14 (D) the program for supportive housing for
15 persons with disabilities under section 811 of
16 the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
17 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013).

18 (3) OWNER.—The term “owner” means, with
19 respect to a covered federally assisted rental dwelling
20 unit, any private person or entity, including a coop-
21 erative, an agency of the Federal Government, hav-
22 ing the legal right to lease or sublease dwelling
23 units.

24 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary—

3 (1) such sums as may be necessary for the Sec-
4 retary to provide grants to owners of federally as-
5 sisted rental dwelling units participating in the pilot
6 program established under this Act;

7 (2) such sums as may be necessary for the Sec-
8 retary to administer the pilot program established
9 under this Act; and

10 (3) such sums as may be necessary for the Sec-
11 retary to provide technical assistance to owners of
12 federally assisted rental dwelling units that are par-
13 ticipating in the pilot program established under this
14 Act.

